







# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

# NEWFIELDS, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1917

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EXETER, N. H.

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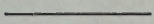
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# Town Officers.

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*Moderator,*

CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD.

*Town Clerk,*

ALBERT C. THOMPSON.

*Town Treasurer,*

CHARLES W. PALMER.

*Tax Collector,*

J. LEWIS COE.

*Auditor,*

HERBERT W. SMITH.

*Selectmen,*

THOMAS SHEEHY,

GEORGE H. TARLTON,

SAMUEL NEAL.

*Supervisors,*

T. RUSSELL SHEEHY,

DANIEL J. LYNCH,

GEORGE L. CHASE.

*Highway Agents,*

JESSE S. GRAY,

FRANK P. NEAL,

EVERETT L. BEAN.

*Library Trustees,*

HARRIETT A. PAUL,

ALBERT H. VARNEY,

BESSIE O. POLLARD.

*School Board,*

CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD,

ALICE J. PATRIDGE,

ALFRED CONNER.

*Superintendent,*

MARO S. BROOKS.

*Board of Health,*

ALBERT H. VARNEY.

*Fire Wardens,*

ALFRED CONNER,

C. S. DIXON,

CHARLES E. LYONS.

# Valuation and Appropriations

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## VALUATION APRIL 1, 1916

117 polls.	
Real estate .....	\$181,084 00
45 horses .....	4,900 00
76 cows .....	3,611 00
7 neat stock .....	273 00
16 sheep .....	96 00
6 vehicles .....	1,170 00
Bank stock .....	3,962 00
Money on hand .....	7,078 00
Stock in trade .....	4,540 00
Machinery .....	1,550 00
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	\$208,274 00

## APPROPRIATIONS

Amount of money raised .....\$4,859 52

Rate of taxation, \$2.30 per \$100.



## Tax Collector's Report

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Amount of 1915 taxes uncollected .....	\$118 14
Cash to Treasurer .....	\$112 14
Abatements .....	6 00

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\$118 14

Amount of 1916 taxes submitted for collection .....	\$5,177 82
Amount of 1916 school tax submitted for collection .....	54 05

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\$5,231 87

Cash to Treasurer .....	\$4,726 01
Cash to Treasurer, school tax .....	48 65
Amount discount on school tax ....	5 40
Amount discount .....	264 25
Amount abatements .....	32 12

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\$5,076 43

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Amount uncollected Feb. 15, 1917 .....	\$ 155 44
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### Abatements 1916 Taxes.

J. A. P. Neal, 1 overcharge .....	\$22 12
Rudolph Lamothe, paid in Newmar- ket .....	2 00
Rodney Gray .....	2 00
Albert Fielding, paid in Epping ....	2 00
Charles Hervey, paid in Rochester..	2 00
Lewis A. Mailes, paid in Exeter....	2 00

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\$32 12



## Abatements, 1915 taxes.

Charles Mendum, paid in Epping ..	\$2 00
Rodney Gray .....	2 00
Lewis C. Mitchell .....	2 00
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	\$ 6 00

J. LEWIS COE, *Collector.*

Newfields, N. H., February 15, 1917.

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Approved by:      THOMAS SHEEHY,  
                          G. H. TARLTON,  
                          SAMUEL NEAL,  
                          *Selectmen of Newfields.*

Examined, found correct and properly vouched for.

H. W. SMITH, *Auditor.*

Newfields, N. H., February 15, 1917.

## Treasurer's Report

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*Dr.*

Balance on hand .....	\$ 124 23
Received James L. Parker .....	639 72
State Treasurer, insurance tax .....	19 50
State Treasurer, railroad tax .....	1,047 44
State Treasurer, savings bank tax .....	581 30
State Treasurer, literary fund .....	64 86
State Treasurer, school fund .....	490 30
Brodhead fund, interest	350 00
Walker fund, interest ..	35 00
Fowler fund, interest ..	7 00
Allen fund, interest ...	7 00
A. C. Thompson, Town Clerk, dog tax .....	38 40
State highway .....	378 80
State, maintenance ....	221 30
J. Lewis Coe, 1916 tax..	4,774 66
J. Lewis Coe, 1915 tax ..	112 14
Town note .....	1,000 00
Charles W. Palmer, note	208 12
Five lots in cemetery ..	70 00
E. C. Patridge, School Treasurer, account of insurance .....	87 50



Received Town note .....	\$ 500 00	
Rider fund, for Rider lot	100 00	
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		\$10,857 27

*Cr.*

Paid County tax .....	\$ 572 38
State tax .....	487 50
Soldiers' aid and poor .....	1,195 71
E. C. Patridge, School Treasurer .....	2,976 30
Highway Agent No. 1 .....	654 29
Highway Agent No. 2 .....	164 95
Highway Agent No. 3 .....	231 85
State Highway .....	701 75
Maintenance .....	448 09
Police .....	28 00
Public Library .....	422 12
Town officers .....	318 64
Cemetery .....	66 50
Browntail moths .....	71 20
Newmarket National Bank, town note .....	1,000 00
Newmarket National Bank, interest .....	20 00
Charles W. Palmer, note ..	208 12
Newmarket National Bank, interest on note .....	12 50
Miss Hannah S. Pike, interest on note .....	28 00
George H. Tarlton, interest on note .....	20 00
Newmarket Electric Light Co.....	551 25

Paid Alfred Conner, Trustee of	
Trust Funds .....	\$ 100 00
Miscellaneous .....	382 39
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	\$10,661 54
Balance on hand .....	195 73
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	\$10,857 27

CHARLES W. PALMER, *Treasurer..*



# Selectmen's Report

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## TOWN OFFICERS

Thomas Sheehy, Selectman .....	\$30 00
George H. Tarlton, Selectman ..	37 80
Samuel Neal, Selectman .....	21 50
Charles W. Palmer, Treasurer ...	45 00
J. Lewis Coe, Tax Collector .....	73 30
Christopher A. Pollard, Moderator	6 00
Albert C. Thompson, Town Clerk	45 05
Herbert W. Smith, Auditor .....	4 00
Daniel J. Lynch, Supervisor .....	19 66
Alfred Conner, Supervisor .....	13 33
J. L. Coe, Ballot Clerk .....	4 00
C. W. Palmer, Ballot Clerk .....	2 50
W. P. Hartnett, Ballot Clerk .....	7 50
J. E. Robinson, Ballot Clerk .....	5 00
C. E. Lyons, Fire Warden .....	4 00

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\$318 64

## POLICE

J. S. Gray .....	\$10 00
William Pease .....	10 00
J. E. Robinson, watching .....	2 00
C. S. Dixon, watching .....	2 00
Michael Donovan, watching .....	4 00

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\$28 00

## CEMETERIES

J. S. Gray .....	\$ 22 00
Leroy Otis .....	20 00
C. J. O'Leary .....	5 25
G. K. Thompson .....	5 00
A. R. Otis .....	5 00
A. H. Otis .....	3 25
J. M. Hanson .....	6 00

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\$66 50

## BROWN TAIL MOTHS

Richard S. Clay .....	\$42 20
William Pease .....	24 00
C. E. Lyons .....	5 00

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\$71 20

## ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Newmarket Electric Co.....	\$551 25
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## PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Dr.*

Interest on Brodhead fund ....	\$350 00
Town appropriation .....	50 00
Unexpended balance .....	75 18

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\$475 18

*Cr.*

E. H. Paul, Librarian .....	\$34 58
A. H. Wilkinson, insurance .....	50 00
DeWolfe & Fiske Co., books and supplies .....	258 89



Dodd Mead Co., one year book ...	\$ 5 50
D. R. Smith, wood .....	6 25
C. W. Mifflin, magazines .....	48 90
C. W. Palmer, janitor .....	9 00
Library Bureau, one accession book .....	3 47
T. J. Connor, fitting wood .....	1 25
American Express Co., express ..	3 03
G. Mendum, fitting wood .....	1 25

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\$422 12

### MISCELLANEOUS

H. W. Smith, wood for town office	\$3 62
E. C. Eastman Co., supplies ....	15 24
John Templeton, printing town reports .....	53 50
H. G. Atwood, arsenate of lead ..	16 00
C. E. Lyons, fire works .....	2 00
F. S. Foss, repairing road machine	6 00
C. E. Lyons, charging extinguish- ers .....	3 00
Newfields Foundry Co., one grate	9 99
E. C. Patridge, railroad ticket....	1 26
C. S. Strout, Memorial Day flow- ers, .....	15 40
John Templeton, printing enve- lopes .....	2 25
Exeter Lumber Co., cedar posts..	3 75
John Rea, watching suicide ....	1 00
D. W. Baker, bond of trustees of trust funds .....	2 00
J. Lewis Coe, repairing damaged property .....	6 39
C. C. Littlefield, damage by dogs	16 00
G. W. Paul, one safe .....	20 00

J. O. Hanson, team for Memorial Day .....	\$ 2 00
William Pease, blasting .....	5 00
G. H. Tarlton, supplies for blasting .....	2 00
C. E. Lyons, fireworks .....	3 50
A. H. Wilkinson, insurance on school house .....	87 50
Portsmouth Trust Co., rent of safe box .....	4 00
J. E. Robinson, fitting wood .....	1 00
J. A. Spead, rope for fire house ..	84
M. W. Tarlton, copying inventory ..	5 00
Alfred Conner, secretary trust funds and trucking .....	4 00
J. S. Gray, care and transportation of chemicals .....	3 75
J. L. Coe, tax bills and supplies ..	3 14
C. W. Palmer, supplies .....	3 52
C. A. Pollard, labor and repairs ..	4 90
C. A. Pollard, election day dinners ..	2 00
F. P. Neal, bridge plank .....	72 84
Newmarket Electric Co., lamps for town office .....	50

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\$382 39

### REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Report of Trust Funds of the town of Newfields, N. H., for Fiscal Year ending Feb. 15, 1917:

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

FRANK P. NEAL,  
CHRISTOPHER J. O'LEARY,  
ALFRED CONNER,

*Trustees.*



Brodhead fund, John M. Brodhead; invested in New-market town bonds; amount of principal, \$10,000; rate of interest,  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ; income during year, \$350; expended during year, \$350.

Walker fund, William L. Walker, invested in City of Newton, Mass., bond; amount of principal, \$1,000; rate of interest,  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ; income during year \$17.50; expended during year, \$17.50.

Fowler fund, Green C. Fowler; deposited in Portsmouth Trust & Guarantee Co.; amount of principal, \$200; rate of interest,  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ; income during year, \$7; expended during year, \$7.

Allen fund, Joseph Allen; deposited in Portsmouth Trust & Guarantee Co.; amount of principal, \$200; rate of interest,  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ ; income during year, \$7; expended during year, \$7.

Rider fund, Carrie Dearborn and Sarah Rider; deposited in Portsmouth Trust & Guarantee Co.; amount of principal, \$100; rate of interest,  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ .

## REPORT OF J. S. GRAY, HIGHWAY AGENT

### District No. 1

#### *Summer Work—1916*

C. S. Dixon, with team .....	\$65 25
Perley R. Bean, with team .....	2 50
Perley R. Bean, 72 ft. joists ....	2 52
William Davis .....	22 76
Leroy Otis .....	57 28
Atwell Otis .....	8 75
E. F. Gray, with team .....	14 17
J. S. Gray .....	76 00
A. H. Varney, gravel, 103 loads..	15 45
James A. Spead, tools .....	4 55
George Kendall .....	5 25

Charles Corson .....	\$ 5 25
Jeremiah Towle .....	3 50
Josiah Robinson .....	13 75
Charles E. Lyons .....	9 63
C. A. Pollard .....	1 50
Everett Bean .....	1 00
John H. Griffin, tile and cement..	25 18
George Murphy .....	8 27
Charles Jones .....	11 77

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\$354 33

#### REPORT OF J. S. GRAY, 1916 STATE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

C. S. Dixon, with team .....	\$64 75
E. F. Gray, with team .....	22 50
Samuel Neal, with team .....	20 25
J. S. Gray .....	91 25
Charles Jones .....	16 75
Leroy Otis .....	63 88
George Murphy .....	17 38
William Davis .....	15 75
Charles E. Lyons .....	13 63
Atwell Otis .....	20 00
Josiah Robinson .....	18 00
A. T. Stackpole, sharpening tools	70
H. T. Taplin, 160 loads gravel ....	24 00
A. H. Varney, 40 loads gravel ....	6 00

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\$394 84

#### REPORT OF J. S. GRAY, STATE HIGHWAY 1916

J. S. Gray .....	\$60 00
Leroy Otis .....	46 00
Atwell Otis .....	9 00

C. S. Dixon, with team .....	\$ 87 75
C. A. Pollard, with team .....	63 00
Maxene Shattrey, with team ....	63 00
Josiah Robinson .....	43 00
Charles Jones .....	40 00
William Davis .....	40 00
John Lynch .....	40 00
Charles Lamie .....	28 00
David Hayes .....	4 00
Charles E. Lyons .....	36 00
Charles Davis .....	28 00
J. J. Dobson .....	12 00
H. T. Taplin, 396 loads gravel....	59 40
A. T. Stackpole, sharpening tools	2 60
Thomas Sheehy, three set basins	36 00
E. T. Gray, with team .....	4 00

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\$701 75

## REPORT OF J. S. GRAY, HIGHWAY AGENT

District No. 1

### *Winter Work*

From Dec. 14, 1916, to Feb. 16, 1917.

Perley R. Bean, with team .....	\$31 50
Perley R. Bean, plank .....	75
Charles Corson .....	6 00
C. S. Dixon, with team .....	9 00
William Davis .....	4 40
Leroy Otis .....	2 00
Leon Otis .....	4 00
J. S. Gray .....	26 00
E. F. Gray .....	14 50
Eugene Levangia .....	2 00
Albert Hervey .....	2 00



Frank Wiggin .....	\$ 1 00
Hilton Otis .....	3 00
Thomas Cronshaw .....	2 00

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\$108 15

## REPORT OF J. S. GRAY

### *Winter Work*

From February 15, 1916, to April 4, 1916.

E. F. Gray, with team .....	\$14 33
Perley R. Bean, with team .....	21 00
William Pease .....	8 00
Thomas Cronshaw .....	3 55
Clarence Thompson .....	16 55
James Rumford .....	6 55
Clarence Rumford .....	1 00
Leroy Otis .....	23 55
Atwell Otis .....	8 55
C. S. Dixon, with team .....	13 50
Alfred Connor, with team .....	5 33
Hilton Otis .....	6 00
Leon Otis .....	5 55
J. S. Gray .....	33 00
J. E. Spencer .....	2 00
Albert C. Hervey .....	3 00
Eugene Levangia .....	2 00
John Herlihy .....	3 00
Charles E. Lyons .....	3 00
Francis A. Clay .....	4 25
Charles Davis .....	6 00
James A. Spead .....	2 10

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\$191 81

## HIGHWAY AGENTS

## District No. 2

Summer work .....	\$ 128 25	
Winter work .....	36 70	
	<hr/>	\$ 164 95

## District No. 3

Summer work .....	\$ 132 50	
Winter work .....	99 35	
	<hr/>	\$231 85

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAY DEPT.

## Statement of Joint Fund Account.

February 2, 1917.		Newfields
State contribution .....	\$400 49	
Town contribution .....	321 38	
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Total joint fund .....	\$ 721 87	
State disbursements .....	\$ 21 69	
Town disbursements, approved ...	701 75	
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Total disbursements .....	\$ 723 44	
Paid by state to town, Dec. 15 ....	\$300 00	
Overdraft .....		1 57

F. E. EVERETT, *State Highway Commissioner.*

Per R.

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAY DEPT.

## Statement of Maintenance Account.

February 10, 1917.	Newfields.
State contribution .....	\$280 29
Town contribution .....	280 29
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Total maintenance fund .....	\$ 560 58
Town disbursements .....	\$ 442 60
State to town, Dec. 15 .....	\$221 30
Town disbursements charged town .....	\$ 221 30
State disbursements, total .....	\$221 30
*Balance in state treasury .....	\$ 58 99
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*Balance in town treasury .....	\$ 58 99

\* The balances in state and town treasuries remain for future expenditure.

F. E. EVERETT, *State Highway Commissioner.*

Per C. C. H.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, FEBRUARY 15, 1917.

*Liabilities.*

Dog license money .....	\$38 40	
Note of H. S. Pike .....	700 00	
Note of G. H. Tarlton .....	500 00	
Note of Newmarket National Bank	500 00	
Balance of library unexpended ..	53 06	
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		\$1,791 46

*Assets.*

Uncollected taxes, 1916 .....	\$155 44	
Cash on hand .....	195 73	
Due from Rockingham county ..	292 96	
Due from school district on ac- count of school house .....	1,637 11	
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		\$2,281 24
Balance in favor of town .....	\$ 489 78	

THOMAS SHEEHY,  
G. H. TARLTON,  
SAMUEL NEAL,

*Selectmen of Newfields.*

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This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the selectmen, tax collector, treasurer, and trustees of trust funds for the town of Newfields for the year ending Feb. 15, 1917, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

H. W. SMITH, *Auditor.*

Newfields, N. H., Feb. 20, 1917.

# Town Warrant

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Newfields in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to Vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the primary school building in said Newfields on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.
3. To choose one trustee of trust funds for three years.
4. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of February, 1917.

THOMAS SHEEHY,  
G. H. TARLTON,  
SAMUEL NEAL,

*Selectmen of Newfields.*

# Library Report

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The twenty-third annual report of the Newfields Public Library.

Number of volumes added during the year, 225, not including New Hampshire Annual Report, 1915-1916, Vol. 1; Manual of General Court, 1917, and the History of the Seal and Flag of New Hampshire. The W. C. T. U. has presented The Young Crusader; Newfields Book Club, magazines.

Average number of volumes and periodicals taken weekly, 104. Average number in circulation each week, 144. Percentage of fiction taken, 61; history, biography, and travel, 5; other classes, 34.

Cards have been issued to twenty-eight new applicants during the year.

## Periodicals for 1917:

<i>American Boy.</i>	<i>Ladies' Home Journal.</i>
<i>Atlantic.</i>	<i>National Geographic</i>
<i>Boy's Magazine.</i>	<i>Magazine.</i>
<i>Century.</i>	<i>Outlook.</i>
<i>Colliers.</i>	<i>Popular Mechanics.</i>
<i>Country Gentleman.</i>	<i>St. Nicholas.</i>
<i>Country Life in America.</i>	<i>Woman's Home</i>
<i>Current Opinion.</i>	<i>Companion.</i>
<i>Garden Magazine.</i>	<i>World's Work.</i>
<i>Harpers Monthly.</i>	<i>Youths' Companion.</i>
<i>Illustrated London News.</i>	<i>Exeter News Letter.</i>

EDNA A. H. PAUL, *Librarian.*



## FINANCIAL REPORT.

Balance from last year .....	\$ 3 88	
Received from fines .....	6 51	
Received for one book .....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 12 39
Paid postoffice box rent for 1 yr....	\$ 60	
March 27, Gaylord Bros., library		
supplies .....	90	
April 3, Library bureau, dates	80	
June 9, Rochester Courier, li-		
brary cards .....	2 59	
Oct. 7, W. S. Beardsley, for		
cleaning and repairing clock	1 00	
Joseph Hanson, shellac, var-		
nish and labor on book		
shelves .....	1 65	
Stationery .....	1 40	
Janitor service .....	2 80	
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Balance .....	65	
	<hr/>	\$ 12 39

EDNA A. H. PAUL, *Librarian.*

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## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

We are glad to repeat the statement made in the report last year that it is the good fortune of the town to retain the services of Mrs. Edna A. H. Paul, the librarian, who combines deep and genuine interest in her work with marked efficiency in its performance. The library continues to be much used by the townspeople to their pleasure and profit, and we consider that it furnishes real help and inspiration to our young

people who are students at institutions in neighboring towns as well as to our school children at home. We shall soon have an especially valuable addition to its reference books in the new edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, which has already been ordered.

We have made a careful examination of the expenditures chargeable to the Brodhead fund in the town reports commencing with 1903 and we respectfully submit the following statement of our findings:

	Unexpended	Overdrawn	Unexpended Balance
1903 .....	\$ 16 38		
1904 .....	57 49		
1905 .....	30 20		
1906 .....	134 47		
1907 .....		\$30 05	
1908 .....	17 33		
1909 .....	59 59		
1910 .....	44 85		
1911 .....		68 93	
1912 .....		1 79	
1913 .....		4 40	
1914 .....	106 96		
1915 .....		13 09	
1916 .....	24 79		
1917 .....	25 22		
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	\$517 28	\$118 26	
			\$399 02

It is evident from the above statement that a net balance has accumulated to the amount of \$399.02, which must be expended for books in conformity with the provisions under which the Brodhead bequest was given to the town. This condition has been brought about by the fact that the amount appropriated by the

town year by year has been insufficient to provide for the necessary expenditures in taking care of the library. We, therefore, present this matter for your consideration that you may take such action as is necessary.

ALBERT H. VARNEY,  
BESSIE O. POLLARD,  
HARRIET A. PAUL,

*Library Trustees.*

# Report of School Board

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The annual meeting of the school district was held March 18, 1916, and the following officers were elected: Herbert W. Smith, moderator; Bert P. Doe, clerk; Eugene C. Patridge, treasurer; Harry G. Atwood, auditor. Christopher A. Pollard was elected a member of the school board for three years.

The school board met and organized April 3, 1916. Alice J. Patridge was elected chairman; Alfred Conner, clerk.

At a meeting of the supervisory district held in Exeter June 24, 1916, Mr. Maro P. Brooks was elected superintendent for another year. Mr. Brooks has proved to be the man for the place and has fully met our expectations in the work which he has accomplished. His interest in the scholars individually and desire for their future welfare with a constant effort to raise the moral standard in the schools makes for an influence which is a great benefit to the community. His report to the school board is appended as a part of our report.

## SCHOOL BOARD.

Alice J. Patridge, chairman,	Term expires 1917
Alfred Conner,	Term expires 1918
Christopher A. Pollard,	Term expires 1919

Eugene C. Partridge, treasurer.

Maro S. Brooks, superintendent of schools.

Residence, 14 Elm St., Exeter.

Office, Town Hall, Exeter.

Telephone, 549-W.



Office hours (Except during vacations): Monday, 4.30 to 5.30 P. M.; Tuesday, 9.00 to 10.00 A. M.; Thursday, 4.30 to 5.30 P. M. Consultation hours in Newfields by appointment.

James E. Fowler, janitor.

## CALENDAR

1916-1917.

Fall term.—September 13 to December 22, 1916.

Winter term.—January 8 to March 30, 1917.

Spring term.—April 16 to June 15, 1917.

1917-1918.

Fall term.—September 10 to December —, 1917.

Winter term.—January — to ———, 1918.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Division of Statistics and Accounts

NEWFIELDS, N. H., January 1, 1917.

*To Chalmers School Board, Newfields, N. H.:*

There has been, or will be, paid over by the state treasurer to a representative of the selectmen of the town in which your district is situated state school money as follows:

Literary fund .....	\$ 64 86
State aid for average attendance .	162 00
for qualified teachers ..	144 00
for tuition rebate .....	84 30
for superintendent's salary .....	100 00

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Total ..... \$ 555 16

H. C. MORRISON,  
*Superintendent of Public Instruction.*

# Report of Superintendent of Schools

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*To the School Board of Newfields:*

I have the pleasure of submitting to you my second annual report:

## THE SCHOOLS.

On taking up the work in September, 1915, I found that the primary school consisted of five grades and forty-seven pupils, while the grammar school had the three upper grades with only twenty-three pupils. It seemed to me that there should be a more even division of the burden. Besides, it is essential that the fundamentals be thoroughly taught. This means that the primary classes must have ample time, as most of the real work of the lowest grades has to be done with the teacher. In April the fifth grade was transferred to the upper school. The change has worked well in every way.

In my report of last year I referred to the subject of school manners. A still further gain has been made in this important direction. It is hoped that this improvement may be marked enough to react on the general bearing of the children on the streets and elsewhere. Noise, as the result of wholesome play or an exuberance of youthful spirits, is wholly desirable. Noise, merely as a means of disturbing the community, may become a public nuisance and should be discouraged.

In Massachusetts the state law gives the teacher absolute control over the children on their way to and from school. She is responsible for their conduct. In

this state, the responsibility is divided between the parent and the teacher. Divided responsibility always means a chance for unsatisfactory results. The only remedy is greater co-operation on the part of home and school. We must work together in this and in all other matters or we shall not prepare our children for service to the community and to the state.

### THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Mary Pollard is repeating her success of last year in this school. The organization is ideal. By being allowed to move about almost at will, the children are learning a great lesson in self-control and also in social adjustment. The work that is being done is of an unusually high order. So long as the pupils appreciate their freedom and use it wisely, I shall approve what might be termed the workshop plan of management. Only a strong teacher could have undertaken this interesting experiment.

### THE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

At the end of her third year of earnest, faithful service, Mrs. Gleason resigned to accept a position in Lancaster, N. H. Her friends in Newfields will be glad to know that all reports from the north country indicate her success and happiness in her work.

We were fortunate in securing Miss Marianna Scammon of Exeter to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Gleason's withdrawal. Miss Scammon is a graduate of the Wheelock Training School, Boston. It would have been difficult to find a teacher better suited to the needs of this school. Her quiet dignity has already produced a marked effect upon the general atmosphere of the room. Her first year's experience gives promise of excellent teaching power as well as firm control.

## SCHOOL AGE.

The best practice in this state and elsewhere is to fix the minimum school age at six years, with a margin of perhaps one or two months. Last September five children five years old entered the primary school. In my judgment it would have been better for them, as well as for the school, if they had entered a year later. Children barely five years of age are almost sure to be obliged to repeat the year or to be promoted when they are not ready to do second grade work. The brilliant child may prove an exception, but with greater maturity he will go on all the more rapidly when he does go to school and come out better in the end. Statistics show that in school systems in which children are not admitted until the age of six, a greater percentage of pupils succeed in completing the work of the elementary grades.

Repeating the year is bad for the child and an unjustifiable waste of school time and, consequently, of public money. I recommend that the minimum school age be raised to six years.

## MEDICAL INSPECTION.

In accordance with the vote of the district at its last annual meeting, the board appointed Dr. Wm. B. Keniston of Exeter school physician. The following is a summary of his report:

Defects.	Grammar School	Primary School
Malnutrition .....		1
Skin disease .....		1
Defective teeth .....	10	16
Hypertrophied tonsils ....	10	5
Adenoids .....		2
Parasites in hair .....	1	7



Defects.	Grammar School	Primary School
Defective vision . . . . .	6	1
Granulated eyelids . . . . .	1	
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Total . . . . .	28	33

Total in schools, 61.

No. of children with defects, 46.

A second examination will be made before the end of the school year in order to ascertain how many of the cases have been treated. We shall have to depend in large measure upon the teachers to look after the follow-up work without which medical inspection loses much of its value. In some cases we shall probably have to exclude children from school for a brief time, unless the defects are remedied.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

To me the year has been most satisfactory. Much of the credit is due to your unhesitating support of all that has been undertaken. Individually and as a Board you have all given me encouragement and help. I am especially indebted to your chairman, Mrs. Patridge, for much valuable information and advice. She deserves the thanks of the district for her work with the schools during her term of service.

While I have no regular office hours in Newfields, I wish that parents and others interested would arrange by telephone or by letter to see me at the schoolhouse during any of my visits. Only by our hearty co-operation can we hope to attain the best results.

Respectfully submitted,

MARO S. BROOKS,

*Superintendent of Exeter, Newfields, Hampton Falls,  
and Kensington.*

Exeter, N. H., February 17, 1917.

# PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

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## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

### Fall Term.

Mary Barron,  
James Gray,

Eva Patridge  
Gladys Pease

### Winter Term.

Walter Morley,

Eva Patridge

Earl Smith.

### Spring Term.

Eva Donovan,  
Mary Donovan  
Chester Fieldsend  
James Gray  
Augusta Kendall

Teresa Lamie  
Frank Owen  
Eva Patridge  
Doris Rumford  
Earl Smith

Perry Smith.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL.

### Fall Term.

Catherine F. Barron  
M. Elizabeth Gleason

Ernest Pease  
Sadie M. Pease

### Spring Term.

Francis Donovan  
Ethel Fieldsend  
M. Elizabeth Gleason

Mary P. Gray  
Givenneth Jamer  
Ernest Pease

Sadie M. Pease.

STATISTICAL TABLE—REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 15, 1916.

Schools	Teachers	Total Number Enrolled	Boys	Girls	Average Attendance	Average Membership	Per cent. of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Not Absent or Tardy	Visits by School Board	Visits by Superintendent	Other Visits	No. of Weeks	Monthly Wages
Grammar	Miss Pollard	23 (31)*	10	13	22.64	23.88	93.	30	1	8	29	53	36	{ \$44.00 48.00
Primary	Mrs. Gleason	47 (39)*	28	19	33.12	36.86	89.85	122	0	5	29	53	36	{ 44.00 48.00
Averages							91.43						36	46.00
Totals		70	38	32	55.76	60.74		152	1	13	58	106		

\*After moving up Grade V.

## ESTIMATES.

Tuition .....	\$ 500 00
Teachers .....	800 00
Supplies .....	125 00
Fuel .....	150 00
Officers .....	65 00
Superintendent .....	100 00
Janitor .....	90 00
Transportation .....	360 00
Repairs .....	150 00
Miscellaneous .....	50 00

\$2,390 00

## LIABILITY.

Due town on account of schoolhouses ..... \$1,637 11

# Report of Treasurer of School Board

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## *Dr.*

Amount on hand Feb. 15, 1916...	\$ 178 22
Received from town, money by law	487 50
extra money ..	600 00
for tuitions ....	1,000 00
for books .....	125 00
for flag .....	8 64
for supt.'s salary .....	100 00
for school board officers .....	65 00
state aid, literary fund ....	64 86
average attendance .....	162 00
qualified teachers .....	144 00
tuition rebate .	84 30
supt.'s salary ..	100 00
dog tax .....	35 00
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	\$3,154 52

## *Cr.*

### TEACHERS.

Paid Mary I. Pollard .....	\$408 00
Emie O. Gleason .....	175 00
Marianna Scammon .....	190 00
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	\$ 773 00



## OFFICERS.

Paid Maro S. Brooks, supt. to March 1, 1917 .....	\$220 00	
Alice J. Patridge, member of school board .....	15 00	
Alfred Conner, member school board .....	15 00	
Christopher A. Pollard, member school board .....	15 00	
E. C. Patridge, treasurer ....	10 00	
H. W. Smith, moderator, 1914, '15, '16 .....	6 00	
David P. Sands, truant officer	2 50	
Bert P. Doe, clerk of school meeting .....	2 00	
Harry G. Atwood, auditor ...	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 286 50

## TUITIONS.

Paid Robinson Seminary .....	\$413 00	
Exeter high school .....	329 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 742 00

## FUEL.

Paid A. E. McReel, coal .....	\$102 17	
J. E. Kent, coal .....	19 57	
C. A. Pollard, teaming coal ..	14 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 136 24

## SUPPLIES.

Paid E. E. Babb & Co. ....	\$ 28 70	
Milton Bradley & Co. ....	22 70	
C. E. Merrill Co. ....	9 24	
D. C. Heath .....	7 34	
American Book Co. ....	6 28	

Paid J. L. Hammett & Co. ....	\$ 3 83	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. ....	3 73	
Silver, Burdett & Co. ....	2 01	
Calkins & Wilder .....	1 50	
Macmillan Co. ....	46	
	<hr/>	\$ 85 79

## REPAIRS.

Paid Augustus Young, door springs	\$ 13 00	
J. Lewis Coe .....	8 52	
J. E. Fowler .....	7 05	
Newmarket Exchange .....	2 40	
	<hr/>	\$ 30 97

## JANITORS.

Paid C. W. Palmer .....	\$ 37 50	
J. E. Fowler .....	52 50	
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## TRANSPORTATION.

Paid H. W. Smith .....	\$132 00	
R. W. Varrill .....	202 00	
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## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid C. W. Palmer, account of insurance .....	\$ 87 50	
C. A. Pollard, labor, repairs, and supplies .....	17 50	
Mrs. J. Barron, cleaning .....	10 50	
H. G. Atwood, mowing .....	1 50	
C. A. Pollard, copying check lists and attending meetings	2 25	

Paid Alice J. Patridge, copying check lists, postage, and supplies .....	\$ 3 49	
W. B. Kenniston, M. D., med- ical inspection .....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 147 74
Cash on hand .....		528 28
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		\$3,154 52

E. C. PATRIDGE, *Treasurer.*

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This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the school board treasurer and found them correctly cast, properly vouched, and balanced.

HARRY G. ATWOOD, *Auditor.*

Newfields, N. H., February 23, 1917.

# School Warrant

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the Inhabitants of the School District in Town of Newfields, qualified to Vote in District Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the primary school house in said district, on the seventeenth day of March, 1917, at 7.30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the coming year.
2. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
3. To hear the report of all officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.
5. To transact all other business which may properly come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Newfields, this twenty-first day of February, 1917.

ALICE J. PATRIDGE,  
ALFRED CONNER,  
CHRISTOPHER A. POLLARD,

*School Board of Newfields.*



**BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1916.**

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Color	No. of Child.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother
April 18	Charles A.	W	2	Charles A. Davis	Mabel E. Clark	Epping	Newmarket
June 9	Geraldine	W	2	Irving G. Howard	Eva J. Sanborn	Epping	Newfields
March 15	Geraldine	W	4	Albert St. Lawrence	Dora Lanotle	Dover	Concord
October 30	Rose	W	12	Albert Fieldsend	Deborah Shannon	Brentwood	Nottingham
May 24	—	W	9	Michael Donovan	Mertie Tuttle	Ireland	Newfields
December 1	Mildred	W	1	Fred Thompson	Mae O'Malley	Newfields	Manchester

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1916.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Age in Years.	Color of Each.	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom Married.
Jan. 19	Newfields.	Fred Thompson Mae O'Malley	28 22	W "	Newfields Manchester	Hannah H. Thompson David Thompson Annie Murray Martin O'Malley	1 1	Rev. L. P. Bragg, Epping
May 1	"	Ralph L. Spencer Lena M. Grenier	20 17	" "	Ashmont Hooksett	Leander Spencer Maud Foss Peter Grenier Mary Young Charles Corson Mary Thompson	1 1	Rev. M. J. Maher, Plaistow
Aug. 26	"	Charles A. Corson Emma J. Nealley	50 56	" "	Durham Northfield		2 2	Rev. F. A. Payson, Newfields

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1916.

Date	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Mos.	Days.					
1915									
Sept. 26	David LeVaugier	59			Exeter	W	M	George LeVaugier	Martha LeVaugier
1916									
March 30	Sarah A. Treadwell	74			Exeter	"	W	Thomas McCue	Harriet
May 10	Margaret Smith	88			Newfields	"	"	Moses Lambert	Elizabeth Witham
Sept. 9	John Lambert	44			Exeter	"	M	Josiah Webb	Mary Harrington
Nov. 22	John W. Webb	68			Newfields	"	D	Daniel Denis	Mae Thompson
Dec. 29	Clara Buckley	93			Lawrence, Mass.	"	W	Fred Thompson	
Dec. 10	Mildred Thompson			10	Newfields	"	S		





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